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TO: Eligible Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions

FROM: John T. Easterday, Ph.D., Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services 

RE: **Solicitation of Proposals for Community Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grants**

You are invited to submit a proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) for a community Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG). This grant is intended to support communities to use the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) process to implement environmental strategies aimed at population level change to reduce one of the following:

1. Underage drinking among 12-20 year olds.
2. Young adult binge drinking among 18-25 year olds.
3. Alcohol-related motor vehicle fatalities and injuries for individuals between the ages of 16-34.

The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) is a community-based approach to substance abuse prevention that utilizes a data-driven, five step approach: 1) Assessment, 2) Capacity Building, 3) Planning, 4) Implementation, and 5) Evaluation. Sustainability and cultural competence are woven throughout the five steps of the SPF.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) contains information regarding technical specifications and response requirements.

Wisconsin has entered into a cooperative agreement with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) to administer the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Program. DMHSAS intends to use this funding to award up to twenty (20) Community SPF SIG grants. Grantees receiving funding under this RFP will receive up to \$87,700 for a five-month Planning Phase from May 1, 2009 to September 29, 2009 to develop a strategic plan using the SPF SIG process. Upon approval of that plan, grantees will receive up to \$142,000 per year for implementation of their community strategic plan.

Substance abuse prevention coalitions that meet certain criteria are eligible to apply for this funding. For a description of eligibility requirements, please refer to Section 1.6 of the RFP, "Who May Submit a Proposal" (Part 1, Section 1) on page 13 of the RFP.

A SPF SIG RFP Informational Meeting for potential applicants will be held on February 26, 2009 at the Pyle Center and will be available through remote webcast access. Registration information for this event can be found at: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/substabuse/spfSig/index.htm>.

The final proposals are due March 26, 2009 at 4:00 PM CST.

DMHSAS looks forward to working with grantees in the creation and implementation of their community SPF SIG plans. I have every confidence that they will result in the increased remediation of alcohol abuse problems and consequences in Wisconsin.